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I corrected proofs this morning of the English version of my book on the Presidents.

We had been expecting to go to Toto du Perron's chateau St. Fargeaux (which once belonged to La Grande Mademoiselle) for the stag hunting. However, it was impossible to make the trip in time so we had to cancel it.

We left this afternoon for Jean Prouvost's place in Sologne. It is about an hour from Orleans and it took us three hours to make the motor trip. Prouvost owns Paris Match and a slice of Figaro. He is one of the Roubaix woolen textile family, most of whom I know. He has a charming modern house and extensive farm lands. Sologne is poor agricultural country with a comparatively small population and the sandy soil, with a good deal of marsh land, is especially well suited to game birds. We had dinner and spent the night there. Some of the other guests were Madame Danet, Prouvost's son and daughter-in-law, Comte and Comtesse de Kergorlay (he is 75 years old and a famous shot), another famous shot Comte de Cavailhac (also in his seventies) and his attractive wife, Arthur and Lady Granard, Arthur's brother-in-law Rossi (an especially agreeable Italian), Maréchal Juin, and several others.

I had an extensive conversation with Juin after dinner. He has a lot of dynamism and magnetism. He talked to me regarding the visit I had made in Morocco some years ago and the exchange of views we had on that occasion. He thinks the deposition of the Sultan has given the French a chance to make adjustments in the Moroccan situation ~~which might prove durable.~~ He believes swift action should be taken by the French Government in this connection.

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